

**KEVIN L. KLETTE**  
**CAPTAIN**  
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**UNITED STATES NAVY**



A native of Edwardsville, Illinois, Captain Kevin L. Klette enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1975 as an Operations Specialist. His initial duty assignment was on the USS MacDonough DDG-39 home ported in Charleston, South Carolina from 1975-1980 where he served as an Air Intercept Controller and an Anti Submarine Air Warfare Controller. Upon completion of his enlistment, he pursued a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and Chemistry from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (SIUE), Illinois and received his degree in 1985. Upon graduation, Captain Klette was employed by Sigma Chemical Company, St. Louis, Missouri and also served in the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1985 to 1989 as an Operations Specialist. His reserve duty assignments included the USS Bainbridge, San Diego, California, the Naval Weapons Systems Engineering Station, Port Hueneme, California and the Mobile Inshore Underwater Warfare Unit MIUWU 112, St. Louis, Missouri. Concurrent with his civilian job and U.S. Naval Reserve duty, he pursued and received his Master of Science in Biochemistry Degree at SIUE in 1989.

In 1989, he received a direct commission as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Medical Service Corps of the U.S. Navy and he was assigned to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), Washington, D.C. from 1990 to 1994. Appointed as the Deputy Chief of the Department of Toxicology, he provided full toxicological support for all United States Armed Forces air craft incidents and fatalities and implemented all technical, administrative and facility changes necessary to provide the same support for the Washington, D.C. Medical Examiner's Office and the Canadian Air Force. During off-duty hours, Captain Klette pursued a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. In 1994, he was selected for full-time out-service training and received his degree in May 1995. Upon returning from out-service training, Captain Klette reported aboard the Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, Great Lakes, Illinois in July 1995 as the Assistant Technical Director and the responsible person for the civilian drug testing program. In September 1997, he was appointed as the Technical Director and Executive Officer of the laboratory. In August 1998, Captain Klette was assigned to the Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, San Diego, CA where he served as the Executive Officer, Technical Director and Research Director. In September 2000, Captain Klette was assigned to the Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, Jacksonville, FL where he served as the Commanding Officer. Captain Klette served as the Commanding Officer of the Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, Great Lakes from June 2003 to July 2007 and he is now serving as the Commanding Officer of the Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, San Diego, CA.

Captain Klette has authored 42 manuscripts and 62 abstracts published in peer reviewed toxicological journals or presented at national meetings pertaining to forensic drug urinalysis. He is an independent inspector of forensic laboratories participating National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) and the College of American Pathology Program (CAP).

During his Naval career, Captain Klette has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal (two awards), Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards), Navy Good Conduct Medal, Naval Reserve Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (3 awards), Global War on Terrorism Award, Sea Service Ribbon (three awards), Navy Expert Rifle Medal and the Navy Expert Pistol Medal.